

What is Claimed:

- 1 1. A method of providing selectable access to a predetermined number of
2 menu items prearranged within an operating menu structure implemented in an
3 electronic device comprising,
4 adapting the menu structure by rearranging menu items dependent on the
5 respective selection rate of said menu items.
- 1 2. A method of claim 1, wherein the step of adapting comprises the step of
2 moving a menu item in response to the respective selection rate.
- 1 3. A method of claim 1, wherein the step of adapting comprises the step of
2 ordering selected menu items dependent on their selection rates.
- 1 4. A method of claim 1 wherein a learning mode is activated by selecting a
2 corresponding menu item prior to adapting the menu structure.
- 1 5. A method of claim 1 wherein the menu items are prearranged within logical
2 areas and the step of adapting the menu structure is performed by rearranging the
3 menu items within their respective logical areas.
- 1 6. A method of claim 1, further comprising the step of calculating a new menu
2 structure dependent on collected data about the respective selection rates of the
3 menu items within the current menu structure prior to the step of adapting.
- 1 7. A method of claim 1, further comprising the step of collecting data about
2 respective selection rates and the step of providing a proposal for the adaptation
3 prior to the step of adapting.
- 1 8. A method of claim 1, further comprising the step of defining a threshold
2 representing a degree of distinction between a new menu structure and the
3 respective current menu structure and in response to the reaching of the threshold
4 the step of providing a proposal for a new menu structure.

- 1 9. A method of claim 8, wherein the reaching of the threshold is monitored by
2 counting one for every menu item in a new structure that has no corresponding
3 match in the current menu structure.
- 1 10. An electronic device, comprising means for indicating menu items which
2 can be selected from an operating menu structure implemented in said electronic
3 device, and
4 means for adapting the menu structure by rearranging menu items
5 dependent on the respective selection rate of said menu items.
- 1 11. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising a counter and means for
2 respectively incrementing the counter value assigned to a menu item in response
3 to a selection of said menu item.
- 1 12. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for assigning to each
2 selected menu item a respective reference value representing the amount of
3 selections of said menu item and means for updating said reference value each
4 time the associated menu item is selected.
- 1 13. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for comparing a current
2 menu structure with a calculated new menu item, a programmable
3 microprocessor, and at least one storage associated therewith.
- 1 14. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for activating the
2 adaptation of the menu structure and means for activating a learning mode prior to
3 activate the adaptation.
- 1 15. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising an implemented menu
2 structure divided into logical areas.
- 1 16. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for calculating a new
2 menu structure dependent on collected data about the respective selection rates.

- 1 17. An electronic device of claims 10, comprising means for collecting data
2 about respective selection rates and means for providing a proposal for the
3 adaptation of the menu structure.
- 1 18. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for monitoring a pre-
2 defined or definable threshold representing a degree of distinction between a new
3 menu structure and the respective current menu structure.
- 1 19. An electronic device of claim 18, wherein the means for monitoring the
2 threshold is designed to count one for every menu item in a new structure that has
3 no corresponding match in the current menu structure.
- 1 20. An electronic device of claim 10, comprising means for graphically depicting
2 the menu structure and menu items arranged within said menu structure and
3 means for selecting the menu items, by controlling the means for graphically
4 depicting.
- 1 21. An electronic device of claim 10, having control means comprising a key
2 board with at least some keys respectively assigned to specific menu items,
3 wherein the control means comprises a touch sensitive display or is speech-
4 operated.